

**School Council**  
February 8, 2023



**Time:** 7:02 pm

**Location:** Lochearn Elementary School

**In Attendance:** Karen Beck, Kristin McKenelley, Stephanie Anderson, Susan Mears, Carma Griffith, Julie Fischer, Crystal Appleyard, Mary Gideon, Christine Giguere, Laura Henning, Kathy McNutt, Marion Cale

**Additions to Agenda:** none

**Approval of Minutes:** Marion motioned to accept the minutes from the meeting on [January 11, 2023](#). Kristin seconded.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- No report

**Trustee's Report:**

- Trustee was unable to attend. Report provided:
- Treaty 6 and Metis Flags will be purchased for all of the schools and Division Office. Indigenous graduates may choose to be honored with blankets at their school graduation ceremonies.
- Student Support Services: On June 7, 2022 the provincial government announced \$1.8 million to support the increasing costs and highly specialized services required for children with low incidence disabilities (blind, deaf, complex communication) through the Low Incidence Support and Service Grant (LISS). Wild Rose School Division was successful in acquiring an additional \$48,000 to support these students.
- The provincial government has extended the application deadline for the Specialized Assessment grant until June 2024, therefore WRSD will be putting through an additional 30 applications. We expect to save approximately \$60,000 by accessing this provincial grant. We were approved for 15 assessments prior to November.
- Dewey Decimal System Change: School learning commons will be switching from the Dewey Decimal System to the Book Industry Standards And Communications (BISAC) system for non fiction classification. This transition is because of cultural bias in the Dewey system and ease of finding materials in the BISAC system. [More information here](#).

### **Principal's Report:**

- Alberta Musical Theater presentation went really well, students really enjoyed.
- On January 23rd, each class met with Crystal Clark and she read story 'The Giving Tree'. Metis story. Focus on honesty. Ties in with study of integrity in kindness program. Students helped make the bulletin board (on the ramp), what honesty means to them
- January PD: Was supposed to be a math PD, but needs to be rescheduled.
- Assembly at winter walk on January 31st.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- John Dunn, presentation, photographer, coming in April for earth day theme
- Earth rangers coming in April as well. Free show that teaches about recycling & live animals.
- Report cards & interviews: Were originally set for March right after spring break, pushed back November report card date, will push back spring report card date as well. Report cards to be sent home April 6. Going to send home paper copies.
- Parent teacher interviews will be April 11 and 13
- School division is hosting an Indigenous Conference, April 12, in Drayton Valley. Open to high school students, PAC, staff, ends at 3:30. *Follow up required: Will it be live streamed?*
- Entrepreneur bracelet sales at recess time, new development this week.
- New projector has arrived. Have a maintenance request in to get wall painted and get basketball net taken down.
- School has received funding for an EA through Jordan's Principle, extra support for Indigenous students. 3 more applications ready to be submitted.
- Before and After School Care: 41 families responded. Based on survey results in September 52 kids would be signed up; 19 for 5 days a week, 22 for 3 or 4 days a week, 11 for 1-2 days. Numbers sent off to youth HQ. Current program at Boys & Girls Club isn't full. Reached out to Nurture Tree about expansion. Level 3 childcare required.

### **Past Events:**

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***Adjournment at 7:34 pm***

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## Friends of Lochearn Elementary

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**Additions to Agenda:**     ***Parent Teacher Interviews (New Business)***  
                                  ***Letter from the Teachers (New Business)***

**Approval of Minutes:** Mary motioned to accept the minutes from the [January 11, 2023](#) meeting. Marion seconded.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Christine thanked everyone for helping out with different roles with Friends of Lochearn.

**Fundraising/Volunteer Coordinator:**

- Family Movie Night on Friday February 10; sold 292 slices of pizza, 40ish extra slices to sell, \$584 (\$571), cover \$16 theft,
- Spray bottles & cloths ready to clean mat
- Volunteers needed to help with pizza, door, set up at 3:30.
- Fudge fundraiser: start March 1-15, online link only. Post link on facebook, delivered week of April 3 in time for easter.
- Looking for help with events

**Treasurer:**

- 0 transactions
- Purdy's cheque: \$1755, deposited, additional cheque received (10% of original amount), made over \$2000 from Purdy's received a 10% bonus.
- Current balance is: \$14284.10
- Still have not received cheque from Dielman's
- Filed annual return, special resolution to change year end.
- Adding e-transfer with our bank account for families that don't have credit cards.

**Hot Lunch/Milk Program:**

- Hot Lunch Update: Carma Griffith and Nicole Anderson willing to take on hot lunch. Using hotlunch.net, goal to do once a week, alternating days for hot lunch, to include kindergarten. Milk through this program as well. Going to meet with Vanessa from ERE to learn more about

system and set up.

**Old Business:** none

**Wish List:**

- Leveled Reading Books (from October meeting): ended up with \$1500 from Keyera and \$2500 grant to purchase books.
- Bells

**New Business:**

- Parent teacher interview in April; potluck supper. 4-6:30. Snack choices, instead of a full supper, meat, cheese, cracker trays. Action required: Mary to price out and report back. Potentially do a pot luck on the PD day in April.
- Letter from Teachers:
  - Enormous cost of bussing, grade 3 to Innisfail Zoo and RCMP dog training 58 students and 3 teachers -> need 2 busses.
  - Option A (Prairie Bus Lines): \$560 + gst/bus,
  - Option B (Charter): \$1075 + 5% fuel charge + gst.
    - Option A: \$35/student vs. Option B: \$52/student to go on field trip
  - Ask: will FOL decrease the amount payable for year end field trips to help offset the increase in transportation costs? \$10/kid, \$3090 total donation
  - A fundraiser for transportation costs, for following school year
  - Suggested getting on the casino list, for another fundraiser idea to help with increased costs.
  - Christine motioned to pay \$10/kid up to \$3200 to help pay for year end field trips for all grades. Mary seconded. All in favour, motion passed.
- Community Spaces Grant: application open Feb. 1 - March 1, consider applying next year for natural play space.
- Joe Media: Laura contacted all school councils and there is interest from all schools, Family Resource Network to sponsor as well, will pay for 50% of the session and 50% of the parent session. Each school would need two based on how they have designed their sessions. One collective parent session for the community. Might be in the fall. Each school council received an engagement grant, 2x\$500 in engagement grants. Joe Media from Lacombe

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***Adjournment at 8:41 pm***

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